THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you are not interested ... (Interruptions) I am prepared to sit with you again and sort the matter out. So, I adjourn the House till 2.30 p.m. and I am prepared to sort it out...(Interruptions) Some of you said.... (*Interruptions*) I adporn the House for lunch till 2.30 p.m.

The House adjourned for lunch at twenty two minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty minutes past two of the clock, **The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.

RE. EXTRADITION OF LTTE LEADER, MR. PRABHAKARAN, TO INDIA FOR TRIAL IN RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION CASE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will now take up Special Mentions...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I have a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is that?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I could not raise it yesterday. Madam, I have brought to your notice and to the notice of this House on occasions that the assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi is one of the heinous Crime...It is an insult to the national sovereignty and national self-respect. This incident took place two-and-a-half years ago. But the Government has not taken any steps to get Mr. Prabhakaran to India to face the trial. He is accused No. 1 in the trial that is going on at Madras. The Government has not moved a single scrap of paper or has taken any steps.

Madam, there are a number of ways for doing this. In fact there is the UN Security Council Resolution on Terrorism to which they can draw the attention of the Sri Lankan Government. But the eerie silence of the Congress Party Government on the question of catching Mr. Prabhakaran, the LTTE Chief who has confessed to having ordered the assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi to teach him a lesson, concerns all of us. It is not a party matter, it is a national matter and I would like the Government to respond and come forword to tell us what it is going to do. After two-and-a-half years if we don't do anything whatsoever about if including writing a letter to the Sri Lankan Government, one begins to wonder as to what is going on behind this assassination or whether there is something which is hidden from all of us. It is the responsibility of the Government to make this point absolutely clear.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, though I don't fully agree with what Mr. Subramanian Swamy has said, I would like to say only a few words about this. On the question of bringing Mr. Prabhakaran to India to face the trial here, the hon. Home Minister said in this House that negotiations were going on with the Government of Sri Lanka. Though Sri Lanka is a friendly country, we wanted to have an extradition treaty by which Mr. Prabhakaran could be brought here.

That was the assurance given. Several times I asked the hon. Home Minister whether he has written any letter. He said that he had written a letter to the Sri Lankan Government. But, Madam, I found from the press reports that the response from the Sri Lankan Government is not positive. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister who is sitting here as to what steps he is going to take for the purpose of extradition of Prabhakaran to our country because he is the No. 1 accused in the Rajivi's assassination case I would like to know the response of the hon. Home Minister because the assurance was given about eight months ago. Therefore, I would like to know what steps they have taken.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I just want to add that I associate myself with what Mr. Narayanasamy said. The trial is actually going on in Madras just now. And, I think, it is very glaring that the chief accused is sitting there in Sri Lanka and celebrating his birthday. We read in the press that Prabhakaran's birthday celebrations also took place in Sri Lanka recently. I think, it is a matter of national shame for us that we are not able to take steps to apprehend the chief accused, the person who was behind the assassination of our beloved leader, the late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi. I think, it is a matter of great importance that we have to show that we mean business and take steps, and at least start the process of dialogue with the Sri Lankan Government to see that the process of extradition begins.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : महोदया, दूसरी ओर से श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी जी ने, नारायणसामी जी और जयन्ती नटराजन जी ने जो कहा है उससे सहमत होते हुए भी मुझे असहमत होना पड़ता है। यह जयन्ती नटराजन जी कहती हैं कि इट इज द नेशनल शेम, मैं इसे समझता हूं कि यह सरकार के लिए शर्म की बात है नेशन से बढ़कर, इसलिए मैं कह रहा हूं कि सरकार को चाहिए था कि अब तक इसके जो तथ्य सामने आए हैं, इस सदन में भी मामला उठा है और दूसरे सदन में भी उठा होगा अब तक जो भी बातें प्रकाश में आई हैं ऐसा लगता है कि इस सरकार की ओर से ढिलाई हो रही है, इसलिए मैं चाहता हूं कि आज खुशी की बात है कि अभी गृह मंत्री जी यहां उपस्थित हैं और गृह मंत्री जी कम से कम जवाब देने में लिबरल हैं। कोई भी सदस्य कभी इस तरह की कोई बात उठाता है तो निश्चित ही वह उठते हैं और जरुर कुछ न कुछ कहते हैं।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is a kind of provocation.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : इसलिए मैं चाहता हूं कि आज गृह मंत्री जी यहां पर हैं, उनको चाहिए कि उनकी भी पार्टी के लोगों ने यह चिंता की है, एक बीचवान आदमी बैठे हुए हैं दोनों पार्टी के बीच वाले, कभी हम लोगों की ओर और कभी उधर हो जाते हैं, उनकी भी चिंता है और हम लोगों की भी चिंता है.. **(व्यवधान)**

श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी : आप जनता पार्टी छोड़ कर चले गए हैं, इसलिए मैं क्या कहूं।

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : इसलिए मैं चाहता हूं कि जो कुछ भी राजीव गांधी जी की हत्या के संबंध में तथ्य आए जो भी ढिलाई हुई जिसके ऊपर हम लोगों ने भी चिंता व्यक्त की है, वह सरकार की ओर से उसका स्पष्टीकरण होना चाहिए और निश्चित रूप से इतना बड़ा मामला, जो राष्ट्र के लिये भी चिंता का विषय है और सरकार के लिए भी शर्म का विषय है, उसे किसी भी ढिलाई के रूप में इसे नहीं लेना चाहिए।

श्री विट्ठल राव माधवराव जाधव : (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभापति महोदया, अभी माननीय सदस्य ने जो कहा है कि यह कांग्रेस पार्टी की यह फेल्योर है, यह बात कांग्रेस पार्टी की नहीं है... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : कांग्रेस पार्टी का नहीं कहा, मैंने सरकार कहा है।

श्री विट्ठल राव माधवराव जाधव : आपने सरकार पर इल्जाम लगाया कि यह सरकार का फेल्योर है। ऐसा आपने कहा हैं। उपसभापति महोदया, यह जो सवाल है बहुत अहम सवाल है और राष्ट्रीय अस्मिता का प्रश्न इसमें लगा हुआ है, नेशनल इश्यू, राष्ट्रीय अस्मिता

का सवाल है और जो चीफ आदमी था मि. प्रभाकरण जैसा कि जयन्ती नटराजन ने कहा कि अपना बर्थडे सैलिबरेट कर रहा है और वह इस कंस्पीरेसी का मुख्य व्यक्ति था, मैं मान्यवर गृह मंत्री जी से रेक्वेस्ट करता हूं कि इस के बारे में जरूर वह कहें, इस सदन को बताएं कि उनको यहां लाने के लिए और उन पर मुकदमा चलाने के लिए क्या करने जा रहे हैं? दो साल से अधिक समय बीत चुका है। राजीव गांधी के नाम पर सरकार सत्ता में आई है। राजीव गांधी हमारे देश के रहनुमा थे। अपने देश के लिए उन्होंने अपना बलिदान दिया है। इसलिए मैं चाहता हूं कि गृह मंत्री जी इस सदन में कहें कि प्रभाकरण को यहां लाकर उस पर क्या करने जा रहे हैं, कब तक मुकदमा चलाने जा रहे हैं? श्रीलंका सरकार के साथ जो आपकी बात-चीत हो रही है उसमें क्या प्रोग्रैस हुई है? यह सब इस सदन को बताने की कृपा करें। यह मैं चाहता हूं।

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : गृह मंत्री जी कुछ कह रहे हैं।

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam Deputy Chairperson, I can well understand the anxiety of the hon. Members in which the Government is also fully sharing the views of the hon. Members. If I have to make a statement, it will have to be an authentic one. I cannot, possibly, say on the basis of information that sometimes you get from newspapers and from different quarters. But as far as my information goes, which is subject to confirmation from the Ministry of External Affairs, efforts were made with the Sri Lankan Government. The Sri Lankan Government itself is finding it extremely difficult to deal with Prabhakaran because of the trouble which the L.T.T.E. has been creating in Sri Lanka. In spite of their efforts, even after sending the Army, to what extent they have been successful is a matter which everyone of us is aware of.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Are you pleading your helplessness?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: He is the main accused. He is being tried in India. Efforts would be made to see that he is extradited by the Sri Lankan Government. To what extent the External Affairs Ministry has progressed in this matter is a question on which I will not be able to say anything definite unless I get the confirmation from them.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri M. A. Baby.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: What about the Governor's security?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is a different matter.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is connected, Madam. It may be another subject, but it is of vital importance.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri M.A. Baby.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Plight of Bhopal gas victims

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): Madam Deputy Chairman, with your kind permission, I would like to raise the issue relating to payment of compensation to the Bhopal gas tragedy victims.

It is a matter of national shame that the question of compensation which the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy deserve is being handled by the authorities in a casual manner. While saying so, I would like to make it clear that I do not accept the quantum of compensation that had been calculated and agreed to by the Union Carbide. In a most unfortunate situation, this quantum of compensation was accepted by the autho-